GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EARTH SCIENCES
LOK SABHA

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Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Kerala Government has proposed to established an Oceanarium Complex and Marine Theme Park at Kochi.

(b) if so, the details thereof including the aims and objectives of establishing the Oceanarium:

(c) whether the Kerala Government has requested for technical and financial assistance for the above purpose:

(d) if so, the response of the Union Government thereto; and

(e) the time by which the technical and financial assistance for this project is likely to be given to the Kerala Government.

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, MINISTRY OF EARTH SCIENCES, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES & PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN)

(a) Yes Madam.

(b) The aims and objectives of the Oceanarium are to develop ecotourism in Kerala State and to study various Marine species.

(c) Government of Kerala has written to the Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES) seeking financial assistance for setting up an Oceanarium.

(d&e) The proposed Oceanarium would also have a research facility which is proposed to be set up with MoES funds.